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EXAMINER

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of this application.
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

This communication is responsive to The amendment filed 28 Nov 2003.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 10, 12.

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

All Some* None of the:

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Don Bulson on 22 March 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

In the replacement paragraph spanning pages 18, 19, second line therein, "Ctij(i,j=1,2,3)" has been rewritten as --Ct12 and Ct23--; third line therein, "Mtij(i,j=1,2,3) has been rewritten as --Mt1,2 and Mt23--.

In the Drawings:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: In fig. 6A, the present reference label "414b" should be changed to --414c-- and the present reference label "414c" should be changed to --414b--. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benny Lee whose telephone number is 571 272 1764.

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